

Natural Resources Careers Conference

Sunday, July 23–Saturday, July 29, 2006
Hickory Environmental Education Center

Join field professionals and high school students from across the state for seven days of intense instruction and fun at the Hickory Environmental Education Center in Garrett County, Maryland.

Natural resource professionals and dedicated volunteers have developed the extensive and relevant NRCC curriculum. Traditional Forestry will be the main focus of this educational experience with the inclusion of GIS and GPS technology. Urban Forestry comprises an entire day. Watershed ecology is also emphasized.

Students may choose to earn two college credits (fee required) from Allegany College of Maryland. To earn the credits, the student must attend the entire week, complete a short exam, and present a team management plan. The credits will transfer to most community college in Maryland and several four year colleges and universities.

This co-educational conference provides a real opportunity for high school students interested in a career in Natural Resources to learn from industry professionals and develop contacts that could lead to future employment and a career in natural resources.

- Immerse yourself in forestry, wildlife, ecology, fisheries, watershed management, natural resources management, and conservation through hands-on field and classroom exercises.
- Learn about the management of our renewable resources.
- Use GIS, GPS, computer simulation, and other field tools related to careers in natural resources.
- Opt for college credit in beginning forestry (fee required).

- Talk with natural resource professionals and learn about college programs offered in these fields.
- Stay overnight in rustic cabins in the scenic mountains of Garrett County. Enjoy hearty meals and snacks every day.

How to Apply

Please follow these steps to **apply by April 15, 2006**:

1. Complete the application form downloaded from the website after determining that you are available to attend the conference in western Maryland the whole week of July 23–29.
2. Contact your local Forestry Board to show your interest in applying and for more information. A contact list for all 24 Forestry Boards is on the website www.mdforestsailorsite.net
3. Mail the completed application with two letters of reference to:
Pam Kelly
Maryland DNR Forest Service
Tawes State Office Building, E-1
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

OR to your local County/City Forestry Board listed on the back.
For contact info go to: www.mdforest.sailorsite.net
4. Prepare for a brief interview with representatives of your local Forestry Board, which approves each applicant.
5. You will be notified of acceptance in late May.

Visit the website for application details:
www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/careersconf06.html

**Maryland Association of
Forest Conservancy District Boards**
Over 60 Years and Still Growing

In 1943, an Act of the State Legislature created the Maryland Forest Conservancy District Boards. Each County and Baltimore City has a local Forestry Board composed of conservation-minded citizens, who serve as volunteers to assist and advise the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Forestry Boards provide leadership for the improvement of the environment through the promotion of best management practices for this renewal resource throughout the state. Each Board is also responsible for educating the public about the many benefits of trees and forest cover.

The Forestry Boards and MDNR are entering their 35th year in presenting and sponsoring a week-long program for Natural Resource Careers at the Hickory Environmental Education Center in Garrett County, Maryland. As of 2005, over 1,200 Maryland high school students have participated.

Each Board is responsible for recommending and paying the fees for local high school students to attend this week-long conference.

For more information, visit the Maryland Forestry Board Association website at **www.mdforest.sailorsite.net**. Link to the local Forestry Boards with websites, as indicated by an asterisk (*).

Forest Conservancy District Boards
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Allegany	Charles	Prince George's
Anne Arundel*	Dorchester	Queen Anne's
Baltimore City*	Frederick	Talbot
Baltimore Co.*	Garrett*	St. Mary's
Calvert	Harford	Somerset
Caroline	Howard*	Washington
Carroll*	Kent	Wicomico
Cecil	Montgomery*	Worcester

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**Presented by the
Maryland Association of Forest
Conservancy District Boards and the
Maryland Forestry Board Foundation
in partnership with the
Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources— Forest Service
and
Allegany College of Maryland**

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